



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
22nd August 2021
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
“Why I am a Christian”



All our services are now onsite and online

9.30am All-age Worship

and summer provision for children and young people

10.45am Service of Holy Communion

If you are attending a service in church, social distancing must be observed and a face covering worn while moving around inside the building, please.

Your details will be taken for track and trace.

Please do not attend in person if you any symptoms of the virus and why not take a regular free Covid-19 test to make sure you are not contagious, even if you've been vaccinated and provided you have no symptoms (when you should self-isolate).

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Just search St Matthew's Church Surbiton and, if you want, click "Subscribe"

Please note that all our services are live streamed. If you sit in the pews from the third pew back you should not be visible but by attending onsite you are presumed to have consented to the terms of our location warning notice.

Please see the notices in church or on the front page of the website which explains more.

The organ voluntary this week is 'Voluntary in D' by William Croft (1678-1727).

The reading for our services this week is John 15: 4-17.

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for:

For Janet Harries, Sarah Rowe, Julia Bowden, Amy Diamond Joan Higgs Smith and Victor Cuthbert.
For Caroline Cable and Barnaby Walker who are to be married in church next Friday.

Why I am Christian - Today we welcome Rev Nicholas Lebey and please pray for Dave Hill as he prepares to bring the final story for this year next Sunday.

From 5 Sept we will have a change of Service Times. Our more traditional service will be at 9am and the less formal service with children's groups will at 10.45am.

The Heritage Open Day: As part of the national Heritage Open Days we will once again be open on **Sat 11 Sept**. All welcome! Volunteers required please – especially for the afternoon.

St Matthew's Weekend - SAVE THE DATE on 25 – 26 September Film shows at the cornerHOUSE for children and adults on Saturday afternoon and evening, Harvest Services on Sunday and **THiS Team 'Come and Sing' Choral Evensong** on Sunday afternoon at 5pm. All are invited to sing (you don't have to be a choir member). We will rehearse from 3.00-4.30pm on the day and have a short break before we sing the service, which will last about 45 mins. The music will be straightforward and tuneful! We are very much hoping that the children's choir will join us.

We are hoping to have a **THiS Team Confirmation Service** at St Matthew's in the autumn. Adult and teenager preparation classes will be run – please contact Helen asap if you are interested.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Revd William Allberry invites anyone interested for a 'taster' session in St Mark's church, Surbiton at **7.30pm on Thursday 26th August**. A pilgrimage is planned for February 2022, although in view of continuing uncertainty about travel restrictions, it is possible that we might defer this for 6 months, or even a year. But do come to be inspired! Further details from William (97818 641576).

Foodbank - Urgent items please: Pot Noodles and Instant Mash, washing up liquid and washing machine tablets plus shampoo and men and women's deodorant. Thank you.



This week's eco-tip : **If possible, buy loose fruit and vegetables (take your own bags) instead of pre-packaged. Check out local 'zero waste' shops and take your own packaging.**

If you live in the parish and know of someone who has moved into your road, please let Helen know. We have some **Welcome Cards** we would like to deliver to new residents.

The Good Food Co-Op supplies fruit and veg boxes of locally sourced produce for pick up or delivery, but with a difference. Any profit generated from the purchase of a box goes to help someone local in need receive a similar box at a heavily subsidised price. Please visit www.goodfoodcoop.org.uk for more information on how to order your box or to refer a family in need of the service.

TWO great things to look forward to: You are invited to sign up at the back of church or let Jen know (in person or jen.houghton@hotmail.com) if you plan to come to our '**another-not-very-far-AwayDay**' at Shrewsbury House on **Saturday 16 October**. We are delighted Peter Graystone is returning to give us his talk about the New Testament after the popularity of his talk last time. Places may have to be limited so reserve a place now! Also please make sure our **WeekendAway**, once again at the De Vere Horsley hotel, is in your diary for 6-8 May 2022 – more details to follow.

Would you like to find out more about your faith and the church? If so, the **Bishop's Certificate** might be for you. Have a look here <https://southwark.anglican.org/mission-ministry/ministry/discipleship-ministry/discipleship/bishops-certificate/> and talk to Sheena Evans who is a recent completer and fan!

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Julie is on holiday over the summer so please contact Helen if you have any questions or Mike on 07774 259577. Messages left for the Parish Office should be picked up occasionally.
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